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You will not be able to use the chart for the lab exam.

Definition of Terms:

- 1. Mineral--
- 2. Mineral Group--
- 3. Silicate--
- 4. Ferromagnesian Silicate Mineral--
- 5. Nonferromagnesian Silicate Mineral--
- 6. Nonsilicate--
- 7. Rock Forming Mineral--
- 8. Ore Mineral--
- Industrial Mineral--

Mineral Identification:

Using the identification chart and the data table provided, select a sample, observe the physical properties, luster, streak, hardness, cleavage, etc. until you can select a name for the mineral. Samples #1 and #2 have their name and mineral group already labeled for you but you should write their properties in the table. Repeat this procedure for samples 3 through 21.